

Bridge over Krishna River

144. SRI M. M. SAJJAN (Muddebihal).—Will the Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a necessity of a big and high-level bridge over the Krishna River near Tangadgi village in Muddebihal taluk on P.W.D. road connecting Hungund Taluk;

(b) whether Government has accorded sanction for construction of such a bridge;

(c) whether the construction of this bridge forms part of the Upper Krishna Project;

(d) whether the cost of constructing this bridge is included in the costs of Upper Krishna Project?

SRI SUBHASH ASTURE (Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) (i) 60% of cost will be charged to Upper Krishna Project.
(ii) 40% of cost will be charged to Communications Plan.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಎಂ. ಬಾಂಗಿ — ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ಎಂದು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ? ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆದದ್ದು ಯಾವಾಗ? ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಯಾವ ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ? ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಭಾಷ್ ಅಸ್ತೂರೆ. — ಈ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆಲವು ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಓಪನ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Denatured spirit Licences

156. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Minister of State for Kannada Development and Excise be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Belgaum had renewed denatured spirit licences in Belgaum District for the year 1976-77;

(b) If so, the reason for checking and verifying accounts of some of the licences after renewing the licences;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the licensees have been penalised for technical mistakes?

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for University Education) [on behalf of SMT. E. E. VAZ (Minister of State for Kannada Development and Excise)]—

(a) Yes.

(b) Under Section 51 of Karnataka Excise Act, any Excise Officer can check and verify the accounts of any person holding licence at any time.

(c) Yes.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it not a fact that the Deputy Commissioner has duly renewed the licence and at that time there was no technical mistake?

† SRI S. M. YAHYA.—The denatured spirit is a very poisonous substance and there are certain conditions which a dealer or a licensee should fulfil. In Gujarat and Madras, many people died by consuming spirit. The Government is very careful and take all the precautions. In this case, it is not merely a technical mistake as such, it is the violation of important licence condition.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it not a fact that there was no technical mistake when the Deputy Commissioner has duly renewed the licence? This is my question.

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—Renewal is routine and the Officers can always inspect the premises and see whether all the conditions are fulfilled.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The Hon'ble Minister is giving evasive answers. My question is, whether there was a technical mistake or not at the time of renewal of the licence by the Deputy Commissioner

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—Renewal is a routine matter. After all, if there is a violation, the Government should take action.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The hon'ble Minister is giving a wrong answer. He must say yes or no to my question.

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—Certainly I am not here to give a particular type of answer. I know in this case there is no discrimination. Those who are in good books of hon'ble Member Sri Sayanak are also there and those who are not in good books are also there. It is a routine matter. It is a very poisonous matter and the Government has taken very important step to see that it should not be misused. They should keep proper records but in this case, they have not even kept proper records. I wonder why the licence should not be cancelled. The penalty levied is very very meagre.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—I am specifically asking the Minister, when the Deputy Commissioner has duly renewed the licence, whether there was any technical mistake or not? But the hon'ble Minister is giving a wrong answer.

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—After inspection we can find out whether the conditions are fulfilled or not. Here, we have found that certain conditions have not been fulfilled. Even the license paid the penalties, it is an appealable matter.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Was there any technical mistake?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—There was no technical mistake. It is violation of important condition.

SRI C. BYREGOWDA.—What are the conditions for renewing the licence?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—It is there in the Act. Licence can be renewed from time to time if proper accounts, proper records and premises are properly maintained.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The Deputy Commissioner has duly renewed the licence first. Without seeing the licence the officers have verified and checked the licence. How can they do it when they have issued licence?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—The concerned officers can check whenever they found necessary. The Excise Act is a very important Act. The Officer has every power to go to the premises and check whether conditions have been fulfilled or not.

Construction of Chinnanamakki Dam

6 **SRI G. PUTTASWAMY (Mudigere)**—Will the Minister of State for Minor Irrigation and Protocol be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is not a fact that the representation have been received by the Government from the royts for the construction of Chinnanamakki Dam in Sigadimoothi village of Mudigere Taluk;

(b) if so, whether the estimate has been prepared for the construction of Chinnanamakki Dam and the estimated cost of the same;

(c) the time required for the construction of this Dam?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAM (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation and Protocol).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The estimate is not yet prepared.